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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

Applicants do not necessarily agree or acquiesce with the Examiner's reasons for allowance as set forth in the Notice of Allowability mailed January 4 2010, or with any other characterization or rejection of the claims that the Examiner may have made during prosecution of the present patent application. Accordingly, this statement as well as any other statement, amendment, or silence on Applicants' part in no way means or implies that Applicants have in any way disavowed or abandoned any claim scope as a result of the Examiner's characterizations or rejections.

Respectfully submitted,

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